

**REMARKS / ARGUMENTS**

Claims 11-16 and 18 remain pending in this application. Claims 1-10 and 17 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. No new claims have been added.

**Priority**

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's acknowledgment of the claim for priority and safe receipt of the priority document.

**35 U.S.C. §103**

Claims 1-6, 10 and 17 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being anticipated by Zhang (U.S. Patent No. 5,814,529) in view of Yamaji et al (U.S. Patent No. 5,721,601). Claim 7 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being anticipated by Zhang in view of Yamaji et al as applied to claims 1-6, 10 and 17, and further in view of Jung et al (U.S. Patent No. 6,317,173). Claims 8 and 9 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being anticipated by Zhang in view of Yamaji et al as applied to claims 1-6, 10 and 17, and further in view of Hara et al (U.S. Patent No. 6,046,790). These rejections are traversed as follows.

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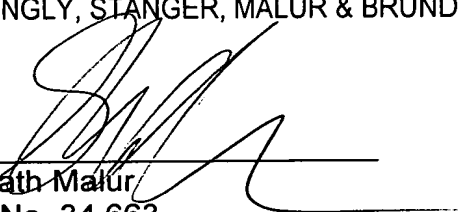
The rejection of claims 1-10 and 17 has been rendered moot by the cancellation of these claims without prejudice or disclaimer in order to expedite the issuance of subject matter indicated as being allowable.

**Conclusion**

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

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